

West Virginia Board of Medicine

B OARD OF MEDICINE CONCERNS ABOUT PROPOSED RULE OF THE WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF PHARMACY RELATIVE TO IMMUNIZATION

The West Virginia Board of Medicine provides the following comments relative to the Proposed Rule of the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy, particularly with the section on the administration of immunizations by pharmacists. At the Board's November 9, 1998, regular meeting, the Board discussed the proposed rule and opposed it in its current form. The opposition of the Board was not based on any "turf battle", but rather the concerns of the Board were based upon issues of public health and safety. With immunization, occasionally there may be untoward, health threatening events, and there is a need for those immunizing to know how to deal properly and promptly with the events to avoid injury.

The proposed rule provides for the completion of an immunization training program recognized by the Board of Pharmacy. The Board of Medicine believes that such an immunization training program would not be adequate to train pharmacists to deal with immunization problems effectively and correctly. The Board further believes that supervision of any immunization training should be by persons with medical experience and training. Further, in the opinion of the Board, the Board of Medicine is the logical entity to consult with regard to any immunization training program development. The President of the Board of Medicine, Sarjit Singh, M.D., expressed these opinions to the members of the Legislative Rule-Making Review Committee of the West Virginia Legislature in November, 1998.

1999 Meetings of the West Virginia Board of Medicine

- ♦ January 11
- ♦ March 8
- ♦ May 10
- ♦ July 12
- ♦ September 13
- ♦ November 8

BOARD MEMBER PROFILE

A. Paul Brooks, Jr., M.D.

Dr. Brooks was appointed to the Board of Medicine by Governor Gaston Caperton in 1992, and re-appointed in 1994. He served as Chairman of the Complaint Committee, then as Vice-President, and became President of the Board in 1995, a position he held until July, 1998. Currently, Dr. Brooks is a member of the Board's Corporate Practice of Medicine Committee and the Malpractice Committee.

Raised in Sissonville, West Virginia, Dr. Brooks was the valedictorian of his class at Sissonville High School. After college, he went to medical school at West Virginia University, completing a rotating internship at Cabell-Huntington Hospital, Huntington. Certified by the American Board of Family Practice in 1976, Dr. Brooks was engaged in the private practice of family medicine in Parkersburg for more than 20 years. After serving two separate terms as President of the Medical Staff at Camden-Clark Memorial Hospital in Parkersburg, in 1990 he became Vice President of Operations / Medical Affairs at Camden-Clark Memorial Hospital where he remained until 1994, when he became Chairman of the Board of Prime One, and President and CEO of Primary One, Inc. For the last year and a half, Dr. Brooks has served as President of Physician Services, LC, formerly Primary One, Inc.

Among his many affiliations, Dr. Brooks has been a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians and of its West Virginia Chapter since 1972. Since 1992 he has been a member of the American College of Physician Executives. Dr. Brooks won a Distinguished Service Award from the West Virginia Athletic Directors' Association in 1986 and was the team physician for Parkersburg High School for more than 15 years, as well as Medical Director of the Parkersburg Half Marathon from 1990 to 1993. He has been a member of the Salvation Army Advisory Board for the past 15 years, and for the past 30 years has been a member and an Elder of the First Presbyterian Church in Parkersburg, where he resides.

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DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**OCTOBER 1998 - DECEMBER 1998****ALVAREZ, DONA MARIE, M.D.** – Oakland, MD
(12/09/98)

WV License No. 14696

Board Finding: Relating to having a license to practice medicine in another state acted against.**Board Action:** License suspended for a period of two (2) years effective December 1, 1998, but after three (3) months such suspension is stayed for the remaining twenty-one (21) months, and Dr. Alvarez is placed on probation for a period of two (2) years, beginning March 1, 1999, and ending March 1, 2001**CLARK, FREEMAN, M.D.** – Johnson City, TN
(12/02/98)

WV License No. 17972

Board Finding: Relating to the inability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, drunkenness, excessive use of alcohol, drugs, chemicals or any other type of material, or by reason of any physical or mental abnormality.**Board Action:** License granted with a two (2) year probationary status subject to specific limitations, restrictions, and accommodations.**CLARK, THOMAS SAMUEL, M.D.** – Morgantown, WV
(11/20/98)

WV License No. 10802

Board Finding: Relating to failure to keep proper and adequate medical records.**Board Action:** Administered public reprimand and directed to perform 200 hours of community service in the form of free public or charitable service.**CURTIN, WILLIAM JAMES, M.D.** – Williamson, WV
(11/20/98)

WV License No. 18918

Board Finding: Relating to having a license to practice medicine in any other state revoked or otherwise acted against or subjected to any other disciplinary action by the licensing authority thereof.**Board Action:** License revoked effective December 1, 1998, at 12:01 a.m., said revocation was immediately stayed, and Dr. Curtin's license was placed on probation for a period of ten (10) years, subject to compliance with specific limitations, conditions, and restrictions.**LEO, SHERWOOD PHILLIP, M.D.** – Baltimore, MD
(12/04/98)

WV License No. 18472

Board Finding: Relating to disciplinary action imposed in another state.**Board Action:** Publicly reprimanded and placed on probation for a period of two (2) years effective December 2, 1998.**MALONE, DANIEL RAY, M.D.** – Parkersburg, WV
(10/01/98)

WV License No. 19600

Board Finding: Relating to having a license in another state acted against and being unable to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety due to excessive use of alcohol or drugs.**Board Action:** Dr. Malone, having met the requirements for medical licensure in the State of West Virginia, was granted a license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of West Virginia effective October 5, 1998, and said license was placed in a probationary status for a three (3) year period commencing October 5, 1998, with specific conditions, accommodations, and limitations.**WHITLEY, EBB KEISTER, JR., M.D.** – laeger,
WV(10/01/98)

WV License No. 8676

Board Finding: Relating to unprofessional conduct.**Board Action:** Publicly reprimanded for his behavior resulting in his entering a plea of guilty in the Circuit Court of Mingo County to the misdemeanor offense of carrying a concealed weapon without a license in State of West Virginia v. Ebb Keister Whitley, Indictment No. S95-F64.**LICENSES DENIED****BARRAN, PETER DAMIAN, M.D.** – Rochester, NY**Board Finding:** unqualified to practice medicine and surgery in the State of West Virginia.**Board Action:** license denied and confirmed effective January 22, 1998, by Order dated June 26, 1998.**BORROMEO, ABEL PARAMA, M.D.** – Charleston, WV

WV License No. 10271

Board Finding: unqualified to practice medicine and surgery in the State of West Virginia (West Virginia Code §30-3-14(c), 30-3-1, 30-1-1a).**Board Action:** by Order of the Board entered November 13, 1998, the application of Dr. Borromeo for a license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of West Virginia was refused and denied because the application was incomplete and does not meet qualifications required by the Board.**CHIN, FRANK TUIN WONG, M.D.** – Monroe, LA**Board Finding:** unqualified to practice medicine and surgery in the State of West Virginia.**Board Action:** license denied and confirmed effective January 21, 1998, by Order dated June 26, 1998.**DABABNAH, MOUSA IBRAHIM, M.D.** – Beaver, WV
WV License No. 10670**Board Finding:** unqualified to practice medicine and surgery in the State of West Virginia due to failure to pay required child support.**Board Action:** by Order of the Board entered November 13, 1998, the Board confirmed the denial, expiration, and lapse of Dr. Dababnah's medical license effective July 1, 1998.**Court Action:** Dr. Dababnah has filed an appeal in the Circuit Court of Kanawha County.

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